

I am strongly against petition RM-10867 submitted by the ARRL. I feel that the CW testing requirement as it stands today is very important to preserving the integrity of the amateur radio service. CW communications provide a valuable alternative to voice communications that could be very important in an emergency. Just a few years ago, the testing requirement was relaxed quite drastically in terms of speed. A five-words-per-minute CW test is not too much to ask to allow an individual use of the HF portions of our bands. Please rule against this petition. Greg W2ORO